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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: GROUP B AND COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. COORDINATOR OF GROUP B HAS APPROACHED ALLEN OF THE US MISSION TO HEAD UP WORKING GROUP OF GROUP B TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATIONS FOR ECDC COMMITTEE MEETING, A DECISION WHICH SHOULD BE FORMALIZED AT GROUP B MEETING JANUARY 20. ALLEN PLANS TO CALL A MEETING OF WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JANUARY 20, POSSIBLY BEFORE END OF WEEK, TO COMMENCE GROUP B PREPARATIONS FOR ECDC COMMITTEE MEETING. FIRST STAGE IS TO BE ELICITING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE FROM SECRETARIAT ON PROJECTED PROPOSALS TO BE MADE ECDC COMMITTEE TO PERMIT AS MUCH ADVANCED PRE-PARATION AS POSSIBLE. FIRST MEETING WITH SECRETARIAT IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19 AT WIICH A RUN-DOWN OF PROPOSALS HAS BEEN PROMISED. IN ADDITION, PLAN TO CALL UPON INDIVIDUAL GROUP B PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE PAPERS FOR USE AT ECDC COMMITTEE ON (A) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS PRESENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND (B) TO CANVASS THEIR DELEGATIONS IN OTHER UN BODIES AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, UNIDO, FAO, ETC. TO DEVELOP AS COMPLETE A ROSTER AS POSSIBLE ON PRESENTLY ON-GOING UN SYSTEM ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THE FIELD IN ORDER TO COUNTER WHAT MAY BE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT EFFORTS TO DOWN-PLAY EFFORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTING ABOVE INFORMATION.

2. WILL BE MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO GROUP B PARTICIPANTS THAT DELEGATIONS TO ECDC COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTAIN NOT ONLY EXPERTS IN TECHNICAL AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT RATHER SHOULD BE HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH EXPERTS IN UN INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SINCE PRIMARY FOCUS OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS IS THE FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF MEETING THE DEMANDS FOR UNCTAD SERVICES AS LAID DOWN IN THE MEXICO G-77 DOCUMENT. CATTO

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